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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have been a supporter of Microsoft from day one of the lawsuit against the company. In light of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the government, it is time to end this case and allow this great company the chance to get back to work.

Microsoft has granted computer makers the right to remove various Windows based systems, including Windows Media Player and Windows Messenger. What company in history that has ever volunteered to deliberately allow removal of its product? This provision alone in the settlement is enough to satisfy even the most envious rival. Additionally, Microsoft will use a uniform price list when licensing Windows out to the twenty largest computer makers in the nation.

Microsoft has compromised a great deal in this case. Not only has Microsoft agreed to more than what was asked for, but it has done so graciously and fairly. It is time for the government to end this case and allow Microsoft to continue making superb software and other products.

Sincerely,

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